

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1-6 and 8-21 are currently being prosecuted. Claims 1, 11, and 17-19 are amended. Claims 1 and 11 are independent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner states that claims 1-6, 8-17, and 20-22 are allowed.

Further, claim 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and claim 18 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

As note below, claim 18 is amended herein to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Therefore, claims 18 and 19 are now in condition for allowance.

Drawings

Five (5) sheets of revised formal drawings are being submitted concurrently to amend FIG. 1 to show the direction of the carburetor, to amend FIGS. 7 and 8 to insert reference numeral 21, and to amend FIGS. 9 and 10 to identify these as "Background Art". It is respectfully requested that the revised drawings be approved and made a part of the record of the present application.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to claims 1 and 11 because of several informalities. In order to overcome this objection, claims 1 and 11 are amended herein in order to address each of the issues pointed out by the Examiner. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

Claims 18 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

While not conceding the appropriateness of the rejection, but merely to advance prosecution of the present application, claim 18 is amended to recite said element holder includes a stay positioned at one end for mounting said element holder relative to said case, the stay being covered by the lid.

Support for the amendments to claims 18 can be found in the specification, for example, in paragraph [0024]. See also FIG. 2. It is respectfully submitted that amended claim 18 is fully supported by and adequately described in the written description of the invention.

Claim 18, and claim 19 depending therefrom, are now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph are respectfully requested.

The Examiner will note that claims 17 and 19 are amended merely to replace the term “retainer holder” with the term “element holder”.

All claims to the present application are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

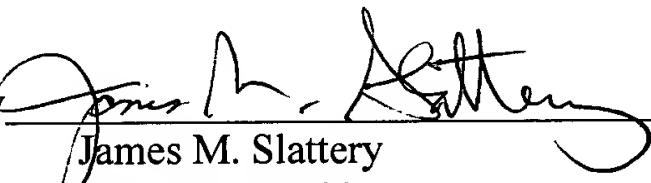
Since the remaining patents cited by the Examiner have not been utilized to reject claims, but merely to show the state of the art, no comment need be made with respect thereto.


All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and that the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone Carl T. Thomsen (Reg. No. 50,786) at (703) 205-8000.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

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Attachment: Five (5) replacement drawing sheets.